

DAYS 1 & 2 – REVELATION 9:1-3

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2.
 - a. What did John see when the fifth angel blew his trumpet?
 - b. Who do you think the star in verse 1 represents? (See Lk 10:18; CCC 391)
3.
 - a. What was the star given and what would it open?
 - b. What do you learn about this “place” from Luke 8:30-31?
4. What issued forth from the abyss?
5. Read CCC 1033-1037 to answer the following questions.
 - a. How does the abyss seem to represent what we know as hell? (See also Mt 13:41-42)
 - b. How is one condemned to hell?
 - c. What is the chief punishment of hell?
 - d. Is anyone predestined for hell? Explain.
6.
 - a. According to verse 3, what infiltrated the earth?
 - b. Even though the locusts are small insects, they can cause great destruction. What in life can start out small but end up causing great destruction?

DAY 3 – REVELATION 9:4-12

7.
 - a. What were the locusts allowed to do?
 - b. The locusts represent demons. In what ways do you think demons are able to torment?
 - c. Do believers have reason to fear Satan and his demons? Explain. (See Lk 10:17-19; CCC 2852)
8.
 - a. Review chapter 8. How are the first 5 trumpets similar to the plagues of Egypt? (Skim Chapters 7–10 of Exodus)
 - b. What was the purpose of the plagues in Egypt? (See Ex 7:5; 9:14-16)

- c. Why do you think the Lord permits destructive forces on earth today?
9. What hope is given to those who belong to God?
10. a. List the 8 characteristics of the locusts from verses 7-10.
- b. In contrast, use Ephesians 6:10-17 to show the characteristics needed to resist the locusts (demons).
- c. The description of the locusts reveals the horror of the demons. Demons are actual beings – fallen angels. Have you had an experience with a demon? If comfortable, please share. **(Personal)**

DAYS 4 & 5 – REVELATION 9:13-21

11. Why would the four angels in verse 14 have been bound? (See 2 Pt 3:9)
12. What three plagues killed 1/3 of mankind?
13. a. From where did the horses' power come?
- b. How do human beings also have the power to "kill" with their mouths (tongues)? (See Jas 3:5-10)
14. a. List the sins of the people of which they did not repent.
- b. In what ways have a form of each of these sins become acceptable in our society today?
- c. What do you learn from the following verses about repentance?
- Luke 15:7 _____
 - Acts 26:20 _____
 - Romans 2:4 _____
15. a. One of the sins was idolatry. What is idolatry?
- b. Catholics have been criticized for worshiping statues as idols. From CCC 1192 and 2132, explain how this idea is false and misconstrued.
16. a. The vision in chapter 9 dramatizes a battle with the forces of evil. How is prayer a critical weapon in spiritual battle? (See CCC 2725)
- b. What are some stumbling blocks to authentic prayer? (See CCC 2726-2728)
- c. What spiritual battles are you experiencing in your life at this moment? How will you prepare for combat? **(Personal)**